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Reply from the High Court regarding the increase of pay to process-servers.

*844 Q.—Mr. L. K. Tulasiram: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any reply has been received from the High Court of Madras with reference to the memorials received from the process-servers of the Civil Courts in the Presidency for an increase of pay;

(b) the date when the reference was made to the High Court; and

(c) if a reply has been received, whether the Government have come to a decision on this matter?

A.—(a) & (c) The reply from the High Court is still awaited.

(b) On 14th July 1927.

Corporation of Madras

Preparation of the electoral rolls of the Corporation of Madras.

11-15 a.m. *845 Q.—Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the grouping of the (city municipal) divisions for polling purposes (every year to fill up the ten vacancies occurring by rotation) is done by the hon. the Minister or ordered on the suggestion and recommendation of the Commissioner;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Commissioner confessed in his own affidavit signed by him in Election Petition No. 1 of 1927 his ignorance of the existence of certain Government Orders and resolutions of the Corporation Council relating to the preparation of electoral rolls till his attention had been drawn to them by his office on the complaint made to him by certain voters; and

(c) whether the acting Chief Judge of the Madras Small Causes Court has expressed a finding in Election Petition No. 1 of 1927 that the Commissioner *became alert* on the receipt of a complaint from certain voters of another division and thereafter looked into the matter and found out the existence of (two) Government Orders and (one) resolution of the Council?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to section 413 (b) of the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919, by the operation of which ten divisional seats fall vacant every year by rotation.

(b) & (c) The Government are not aware of the incidents mentioned in these clauses.

Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar:—"As the polling for two groups of divisions fall on different dates, may I know who fixed the date for each group?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"The Commissioner of the Corporation."

Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar:—"With reference to (b) and (c), will the hon. Minister be pleased to look into the incidents, in the interests of efficiency of administration?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I shall call for the information."